



# Burr Ridge Briefs

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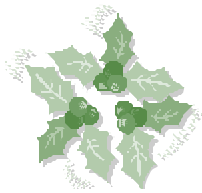
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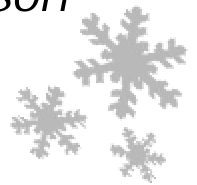
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## Seasons Greetings

*The Burr Ridge President, Board of Trustees, Village Clerk, Department Heads and all the Village Staff wish each of you an abundance of holiday cheer. We hope that your holiday season is a happy, healthy and safe. We wish you and yours peace and prosperity in 2004. Have a joyous holiday season and Happy New Year!*



### County Line Road Construction

Long-overdue for improvement, construction on County Line Road has been scheduled for 2004. Since Cook County maintains the road, the Village does not have the authority to initiate or oversee the project. Village staff was recently informed that, due to the County Building fire, the Cook County Highway Department has delayed the bid letting for the project. Originally set for December, the project will go out to bid in February instead. This raises concerns that the project may not begin in 2004 or may begin too late in the year to be completed in one year. Staff will continue to monitor this situation, provide updates when available and meet with affected residents in the construction area. When construction begins, Cook County has indicated that it will occur in two phases: from 80th to 83rd Street first, followed by 83rd to 91st Street. They anticipate that traffic will be limited to one lane traveling northbound only.

### Veterans Memorial Continues Fundraising

Fundraising for the Burr Ridge Veterans Memorial is underway. Honoring all branches of the military, the Memorial is scheduled for construction in 2004. The Burr Ridge Park District generously donated land at Purdie McCullough Park, located at County Line and Plainfield Roads. With construction costs projected at \$270,000, the Committee needs the support of the community to make it a reality. The Burr Ridge/Willowbrook Rotary Club graciously sponsored an Octoberfest event that successfully raised almost \$3,000. A tax deductible donation program has also been established. For information on how and where to donate time, labor, materials or funds, visit [www.burr-ridge.gov](http://www.burr-ridge.gov), stop by the Police Department or contact Corporal Timothy Vaclav at 323-8181, ext. 309. Also, see the enclosed flyer for details on the Brick Paver Program that will commemorate the Veterans for whom the Memorial is being built.

## Public Works in Brief

### Public Works' New Look



In September, the Village Board approved new uniforms for members of the Burr Ridge Public Works Department and awarded a new contract to Breen's Uniform Service in Countryside. The uniform shirts are khaki with embroidered Village of Burr Ridge and oak leaf emblem and coordinating green pants. The need for new uniforms was outlined as a goal in the Public Works reorganization plan, implemented this year.

### Mailbox Damage from Snow Plowing

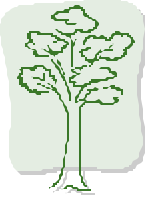


Check now to make sure your mailbox is sturdy and in good condition so that it can withstand the rigors of winter and snow plow season. The Village is only responsible for damage due to direct plow contact with a mailbox or its post and liability is limited to \$50. There is no liability for mailboxes that do not conform to regulations. For more information on mailbox regulations, see the article in the Know the Code section of this newsletter.

### Driveway Culvert Replacement Policy

A driveway culvert is defined as a drainage pipe crossing under an individual landowner's driveway located within the Village right of way. The Village Board revised its policy regarding the replacement of driveway culverts. Prior to the amendment, landowner's were responsible for their culverts. The policy now states that a landowner may submit a request for the replacement of a driveway culvert. If the Village Engineer determines that replacement is warranted, the Village will reimburse the landowner for the removal and installation of the culvert only (not including the cost of the driveway) for a price of \$35/l.f., not to exceed 20 feet of driveway culvert. Contact the Village Engineer at 323-4733.

### January Tree Trimming



Following the first of the year, the annual tree trimming program will focus on Area 7, which encompasses but does not include 87<sup>th</sup> Street on the north, 97<sup>th</sup> Street on the south, Route 83 on the west and County Line Road on the east. Winkler's Tree Service will trim all trees larger than eight inches in diameter under the supervision of Village Arborist Gary Gatlin. Other trees are trimmed by Public Works Staff. The Village trims all parkway trees on a seven-year cycle.

Residents are reminded that the parkway trees are the responsibility of the Village and are maintained by Public Works and its Village Arborist, who will make decisions about their care. Unfortunately, there are times when a branch or branches must be removed in a manner that leaves a parkway tree looking asymmetrical. However, it should be remembered that the safety of vehicular traffic, pedestrians and property owners is the primary consideration when the Village trims parkway trees. Trees must be trimmed with a minimum clearance of 16 feet above the street pavement as the trees reach maturity. Dead or structurally unsound branches are also removed.

### Cellular Phone Service Improved



To improve cellular phone service in the southwestern portion of the Village, Verizon wireless has installed a new antenna on top of the water tower located at 83rd and Madison Streets. Cell phone users should expect better reception as they travel through that portion of the Village. Sprint cellular phone service is also looking to install an antenna in the same location next year to improve service for their customers.

## Police Briefs

### Citizen Police Academy Graduates 14

On November 13, students graduated from the sixth annual Citizen Police Academy. Celebrating the completion of this ten week program was Horace Cochran (also attended 2001 class), Laura Palumbo (attended 2001 & 2002 class), Lisa Nicholson, George Karavattuvelil, Thomas Kigin, Billie Kigin, Roseanne Stillo, Willard Hemsworth, Janet Johnson-Harrison, Ivan Harrison, Samir Guirguis, Marlys Santo, Ron Santo, Aaron Cook. Graduates are encouraged to join the Alumni Association. An Alumni gathering is tentatively scheduled for February 27, 2004.

### Gun Locks Available

The Police Department has a small supply of gun locks, provided by the Lieutenant Governor in conjunction with Project Homesafe. Contact Officer Angie Zuccherro at 323-8181, extension 322.

### Home Safety While You're Away

Do you plan on traveling this holiday season? Follow these simple tips to keep your home looking as if it is occupied. Have your lawn cared for and snow removal scheduled. Don't stop all deliveries, but have a neighbor pick up your mail and newspapers. Set interior lights, radios and televisions on timers, staggered throughout the day. Ask your neighbor to use your garbage cans and have them put some of their garbage at your curb. Light the exterior of your home with motion detection lights or exterior lights on timers. Secure your home and belongings by setting your alarm, Securing your patio doors with steel rods at the base or install heavy duty locks. Don't leave keys under the doormat or in a flower pot. Don't keep a lot of jewelry or collectibles at home, and be sure to keep an updated inventory of the items in your safe deposit box. Never leave car keys in the ignition. Mark your valuables (usually with your drivers license number).

## News in Brief

### Corporate Park Development Proceeds

Based on the decisions of both District 204 and the Village of Burr Ridge to provide tax incentives, Corporex has agreed to move forward to complete the hotel project. Community Development Director Doug Pollock met with representatives of Krusinski Construction and B&F Technical Code Services at the Corporex Property in October to discuss re-starting and completion of the project. With construction already underway, the anticipated completion date is mid-June, with a grand opening around July 1st. Also, as a result of recent development incentives, work has begun on the 44,058 square foot proposed office building on the Stahelin property. It is hoped that the recent incentive agreements will attract future office development.

### Voter Registration Information

Are you registered to vote in the 2004 elections? Have you recently moved and need to re-register? In DuPage County you can check your current registration status by logging on to [www.dupageelections.com](http://www.dupageelections.com). In Cook County you can find out more information by visiting [www.voterinfo.net](http://www.voterinfo.net). To vote in the March Primaries you must be registered by February 17, 2004. To vote in the November General Election you must be registered by October 5, 2004.

### Keep Streets Safe in Winter

On November 10th, the Board approved a contract for snow removal services to help clean snow out of cul-de-sacs, eyebrows and dead-end streets. This contractual service backs up the Public Works Department, which is responsible for 60 miles of streets and 162 cul-de-sacs, eyebrows and dead-ends. Since the contractor's equipment is committed to Burr Ridge for the duration of the season, we look forward to reliable service. You can do your part by remembering these key points for winter roadway safety:

- \* Be cautious around snowplow equipment. Make sure children do not play in or near the streets while plowing is in progress.
- \* Be careful entering major streets and highways. Stay well back from snowplows to avoid being hit by spreading material or ice that may fall off the truck.
- \* It is illegal to shovel snow into the street from your driveway. Driveway snow must be shoveled to grass areas.
- \* Remember that a snow emergency will be declared whenever snow accumulates to a depth of two inches or more during any 24-hour period. The emergency will remain in effect for 48 hours. During that time, on-street parking is prohibited.
- \* Thoroughfares are plowed first, followed by secondary streets. Cul-de-sacs are generally plowed last, often by outside contractors.
- \* If your vehicle becomes disabled, pull as far off the road as possible. Turn on your emergency flashers and other lights in order to be seen. Keep snow off your headlights and taillights.

### Know the Code

#### Mailboxes

A mailbox is considered an obstruction in the right-of-way and is, therefore, regulated by the Village in order to minimize the potential for vehicle damage and personal injury. Rigid and oversized supports such as masonry, stone or brick columns, solid concrete supports, barrels filled with concrete, etcetera, are prohibited. A mailbox must be installed on either a wooden post (minimum of 4" x 4" and maximum of 6" x 6") or a light-gauge hollow metal pipe (minimum of 3" in diameter). Supports must be constructed to promote breakaway, bending or yielding upon impact of a vehicle. Residents are reminded that the Village is not liable for damage to illegal or nonconforming structures caused by direct contact from a snowplow.

#### Overnight Parking

Outside overnight parking of commercial vehicles in residential areas is prohibited. Commercial vehicles include vehicles with a license greater than Class B, commercial markings or equipment and cargo vans. These vehicles may only be stored in a fully enclosed structure (such as a garage) and they may not be permanently affixed to the ground. No more than a combined total of two commercial vehicles may be stored or parked overnight in a fully enclosed building or structure upon any lot or parcel of land. Only one commercial vehicle may be stored or parked overnight for each unit in a duplex, two-family, multi-family, or townhouse structure, provided it is in a fully enclosed building or structure.

### Traffic Concerns Discussed

In September, the Village met with residents of the Chasemoor Subdivision and 72nd Street/Pleasantdale area to discuss concerns about traffic in their neighborhoods. With many residents in attendance, the Village reviewed actions taken in the past to help alleviate traffic problems and previewed what steps might be taken to ensure residents' and motorists' safety in the areas surrounding the Corporate Park. Presentations from the meeting are available online. Visit the Street Policy Committee page on the Burr Ridge web site for copies of the information provided. The Street Policy Committee recommended that traffic counts should be updated so various remedies can be evaluated. The traffic study is complete and the Village will be meeting with residents to discuss the new information and what actions might follow.

### Essay Contest Deadline: February 14

The Environmental Quality is hosting its annual Essay Contest for students grades 3 through 12. Entries must be submitted by Friday, February 13, 2004. Complete contest rules, essay topics and information on where to submit a completed essay are available at [www.burr-ridge.gov](http://www.burr-ridge.gov) on the Community Events Page or by calling Lisa Ensing at 654-8181, extension 105.

Village of Burr Ridge  
Veterans Memorial  
Memorial Brick Program

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HINSDALE, IL  
PERMIT NO. 94**

**DATED MATERIAL  
PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY**

## Calendar of Events

### January

- 1** New Years Day - Village Hall Closed
- 5** Plan Commission Mtg. 7:30 PM
- 6** Police Pension Board Mtg. 7:00 PM
- 8** Pathway Commission 7:30 PM
- 12** Village Board Mtg. 7:30 PM
- 14** Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Mtg. 7:00 PM
- 19** Plan Commission Mtg. 7:30 PM
- 20** Economic Development Committee 7:30 PM
- 21** Environmental Quality Commission 7:30 PM
- 26** Village Board Mtg. 7:30 PM
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### February

- 2** Plan Commission Mtg. 7:30 PM
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unless otherwise specified*

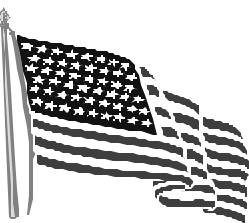
## Village Hosts Local Businesses

The Economic Development Committee Annual Business Breakfast was held in October and attended by approximately 50 business people. The Breakfast is held to meet face to face with members of the business community. The main speaker of the event was Gary Peele, of the Small Business Administration.

## Lights Out

If you notice a darkened street light, a light that is on during the day or a light that is damaged, please bring it to our attention immediately. Report your observations by calling the Public Works Department at 323-4733.

You can visit the Village of  
Burr Ridge on the web @  
[www.burr-ridge.gov](http://www.burr-ridge.gov)



# Village of Burr Ridge Veterans Memorial Memorial Brick Program

*"All gave some, some gave all"*

**What a perfect way to remember a veteran !** Commemorative bricks will be incorporated into the Burr Ridge Veterans Memorial as permanent recognition of our nation's veterans. The cost is \$100.00 per brick. On each brick you may list the following information: Veteran's Name, Unit and/or Branch of Service and Dates of Service.

Please make your check payable to the "Burr Ridge Veterans Memorial Fund" and mail it to: Memorial Brick Campaign, Burr Ridge Veterans Memorial, PMB #132, 80 Burr Ridge Parkway, Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527.

Questions? Call Corporal Timothy Vaclav, Veterans Memorial Committee Chairman, at (630) 323-8181, extension 309

YES! I'd like to order \_\_\_\_\_ brick(s) at \$100.00 each  
Qty.

Total Order: \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
(Please enclose check or money order.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## PLEASE PERSONALIZE MY BRICK:

**Brick 1:**


**Brick 2:**


**Brick 3:**


**PLEASE MAIL THIS PAGE WITH ORDER**